

Census Bureau Statement on Redistricting Data Timeline



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FEB. 12, 2021 — The U.S. Census Bureau announced today that it will deliver the Public Law 94-171 redistricting data to all states by Sept. 30, 2021. COVID-19-related delays and prioritizing the delivery of the apportionment results delayed the Census Bureau’s original plan to deliver the redistricting data to the states by March 31, 2021.

Different from previous censuses, the Census Bureau will deliver the data for all states at once, instead of on a flow basis. This change has been made because of COVID-19-related shifts in data collection and in the data processing schedule and it enables the Census Bureau to deliver complete and accurate redistricting data in a more timely fashion overall for the states.

The redistricting data includes counts of population by race, ethnicity (Hispanic or Latino origin), voting age, housing occupancy status, and group quarters population, all at the census block level. This is the information that states need to redraw or “redistrict” their legislative boundaries.

In preparation for the delivery of redistricting data products, the Census Bureau has been in close coordination with each states’ official nonpartisan liaisons to understand the impacts of the delayed delivery on individual states. Since 2019, states have had access to prototype geographic support products and data tabulations from the 2018 Census Test to help them begin to design their redistricting systems. This is one tool states can use to help minimize the impact of schedule delays. In addition, the Census Bureau today completed the release of all states’ 2020 Census geographic products needed for redistricting. This will enable states to redistrict promptly upon receipt of their 2020 Census tabulation data.

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2020 Census Data Review

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Revisión de los datos del Censo del 2020

En este blog hablamos sobre cómo estamos realizando una de las revisiones de datos más completas en la historia reciente del censo, para el Censo del 2020.

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In the coming weeks, the U.S. Census Bureau will release the first set of results from the 2020 Census. Our goal for every census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

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2020 Census Group Quarters

As we continue processing 2020 Census results, we'd like to provide more information on how we count people living in group quarters (GQs).

[\[/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2021/03/2020-census-group-quarters.html\]](#)

Random Samplings Blog | March 09, 2021 | Written By Michael Thieme, Assistant Director For Decennial Census Programs, Systems And Contracts

Finding 'Anomalies' Illustrates 2020 Census Quality Checks Are Working

We're in the midst of data processing for the 2020 Census. As Acting Census Bureau Director Ron Jarmin acknowledged in a recent blog, we've discovered some "anomalies" along the way that we're looking into and resolving.

[\[/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2021/03/finding_anomalies.html\]](#)

Encontrar ‘anomalías’ demuestra que los controles de calidad del Censo del 2020 funcionan

El 9 de marzo de 2021, la Oficina del Censo de los EE. UU. publicó un blog (en inglés) sobre las “anomalías” que encontramos al procesar los datos del Censo del 2020.

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Adapting Field Operations to Meet Unprecedented Challenges

As we process census responses and analyze the quality of the 2020 Census, it’s helpful to look back at some of the unprecedented challenges we faced during this census.

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Adaptación de las operaciones de campo para enfrentar desafíos sin precedentes

La oficina del Censo de los EE. UU. compartió información en una publicación de blog el 1 de marzo de 2021, acerca de cómo la realización de un censo es una tarea enorme, incluso en circunstancias ideales.

[\[/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2021/03/adaptacion_de_lasop.html\]](#)

Random Samplings Blog | February 23, 2021 | By Deborah Stempowski, Assistant Director, Decennial Census Programs Directorate

Ensuring a Robust and Accurate Data Quality Analysis in the 2020 Census

Asking outside experts to review our work is standard operating procedure at the U.S. Census Bureau. It underscores our commitment to quality and transparency.

[\[/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2021/02/data-quality-analysis-2020-census.html\]](#)

Random Samplings Blog | February 12, 2021 | Written By James Whitehorne, Chief Of The Redistricting And Voting Rights Data Office

Timeline for Releasing Redistricting Data

We expect to deliver the redistricting data to the states and the public by Sept. 30, 2021.

[\[/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2021/02/timeline-redistricting-data.html\]](#)

Random Samplings Blog | February 11, 2021 | Written By: Michael Thieme, Assistant Director For Decennial Census Programs, Systems And Contracts

Census Data Processing 101

Michael Thieme describes how census data processing works to ensure the census is accurate.

[\[/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2021/02/census-data-processing-101.html\]](#)

Directors Blog | February 02, 2021 | By Dr. Ron Jarmin, Acting Director

2020 Census Processing Updates

I’m writing to provide an update on data processing for the 2020 Census.

[\[/newsroom/blogs/director/2021/02/2020-census-processing-updates.html\]](#)

Random Samplings Blog | November 05, 2020 | By Dr. Ron Jarmin, Deputy Director And Chief Operating Officer

Update on 2020 Census Data Processing and Quality

The Census Bureau has begun processing the data collected for the 2020 Census. Data collection for the decennial census is always a herculean task and 2020 was no exception.

[\[/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2020/11/update-2020-census-data-processing-and-quality.html\]](#)

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 Blog: Timeline for Releasing Redistricting Data [\[/newsroom/blogs/random-samplings/2021/02/timeline-redistricting-data.html\]](#)

 News: 2020 Census Geographic Products Available (2/12/21) [\[/newsroom/press-releases/2021/2020-census-geographic-products-feb12.html\]](#)